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REMARKS

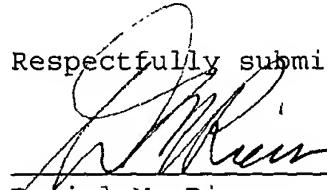
Prior to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination which has been filed concurrently herewith, claims 1, 2 and 4-6 were allowed.

The amendment to claims 1 and 6 as submitted herein with respect to the size distribution D50 finds clear support in the original disclosure at page 3, last sentence.

The amendment to claim 6 as submitted herein with respect to the talc content finds clear support in original dependent claim 3 since cancelled.

It is believed that claim 1 as amended herein clearly defines over all of the prior art now of record in the application. Accordingly, early continued examination and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended). A decorative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt%[,] based on the total pigment content, and a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately [3.0] 2.0 μm .

6. (Once Amended). A decorative paper or decorative sheet containing a decorative base paper, said base paper comprises a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt% based on the total pigment content, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately [3.0] 2.0 μm .